THEN I JUST HAVE TO KILL YOU, KAZUKI
DIE!

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NGH!
KAZUKI-SAN?!
...

YOU REALLY DO LOOK JUST LIKE ME!

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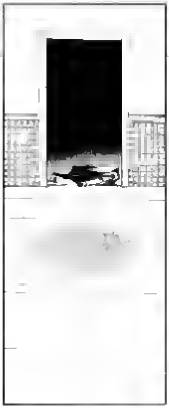
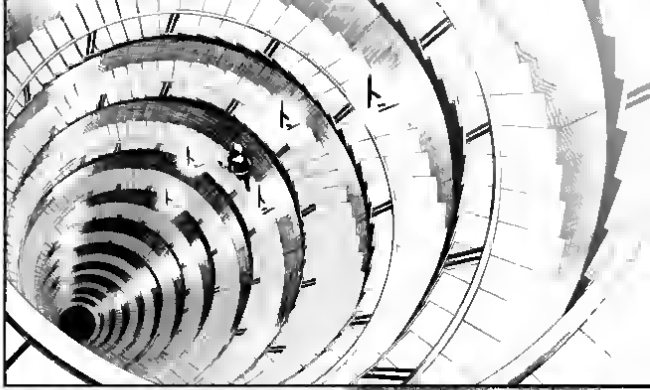
THE NEXT ONE WON'T MISS!



I AM YOUR OPPONENT

I WOULDN'T HAVE IT ANY OTHER WAY!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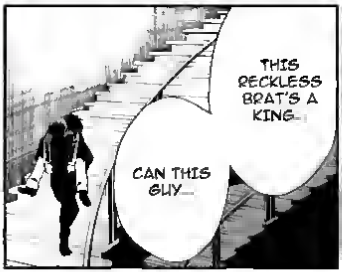

THIS RECKLESS BRAT'S A KING...
CAN THIS GUY...

NADUSE KAZUKI...

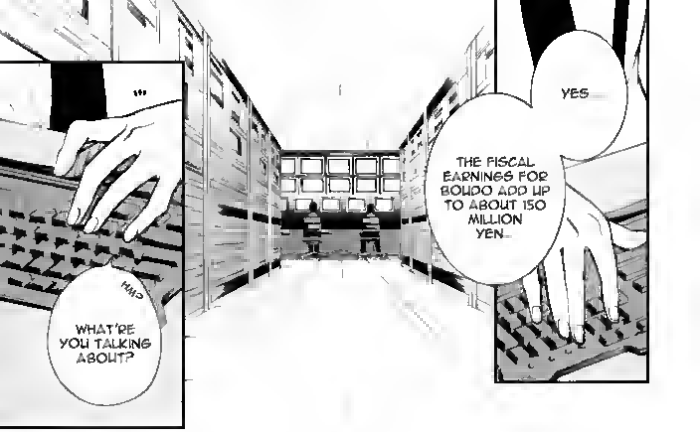
...REALLY BE MADE OF "HIS" FRAG-MENTS?

THIS WASN'T...
JUST ANY GAME...
ONE LIFE
PEOPLE ONLY HAVE
SHOULDN'T EXIST, AND YET...
THINGS LIKE RESETS

NO HE'S DIFFERENT
WHO IS THAT?

ME...?

THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS ARE BLOOMING, NII-SAN.


YES...
THE FISCAL EARNINGS FOR BOUDO ADD UP TO ABOUT 150 MILLION YEN...
...
MM?
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

CHERRY BLOSSOMS MEAN FESTIVALS
AND FESTIVALS MEAN PROFITS
EH...
YEAH, BUT...

YEAH I GUESS SO...
BUT THERE AREN'T EVEN 300 TYPES IN BOUDO
IF THE VARIETIES WERE TO INCREASE EARNINGS WOULD AS WELL.
WHAT IS IT?

DO YOU WANT TO BE LOCKED IN HERE ALL DAY
AND MISS THE BEAUTIFUL CHERRY BLOSSOMS?
THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS BLOOM EACH YEAR. YES?
UGH
YOU'RE ALWAYS SO UPTIGHT, NII-SAN
IT'S MY JOB TO BE
YEAH, BUT
OKAY! ENOUGH! SORRY, MY BAD!
GRAB
NOT ONLY IS ONE WEEK PER YEAR RATHER SHORT
NATU-RALLY ALSO
FOR THE FIS-CAL
AND THEY'RE SO TERRIBLY INEFFICIENT FULL BLOOM LASTS FOR MAYBE ONE WEEK, TOPS...

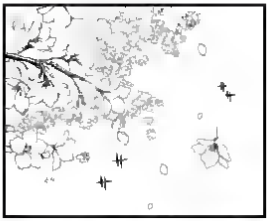
YOU'VE GOT THREE GUESSES!
WHERE ARE WE GOING?

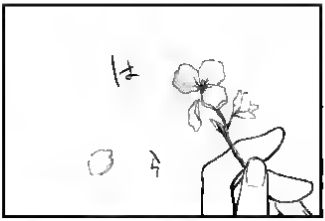
IF YOU LOOK AT THIS BEER HERE...

OVER THERE! SEE, LOOK AT THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS!
NII-SAN
THAT'S NOT WHAT WE CAME HERE FOR!
IT WAS JUST MARKET TESTED, BUT IT SEEMS TO BE POPULAR
SUR-PRISINGLY SO
HM

YOU HAVE NO ARTISTIC SENSE
THAT'S TOO MUCH TO ASK FOR
IT'S NOT MY JOB
IN FULL BLOOM THEY LOOK JUST LIKE CRUMPLED TIS-SUES THAT WERE GLUED TO THE BRANCHES

DID YOU KNOW, NII-SAN..
THESE FLOWERS AND "LIFE" ARE THE SAME
THEY'VE BARELY BLOOMED BEFORE THEY DIE
...
BUT THEY DO WHAT THEY CAN IN THAT SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME
SEEING THEM COMPETE WITH THE OTHER FLOWERS... YOU CAN'T HELP BUT BE AMAZED
THEY'RE SIMPLY THE PRODUCT OF A DESIRE TO SURVIVE
YOU ALWAYS TALK ABOUT SUCH COMPLICATED THINGS





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WHAT?!

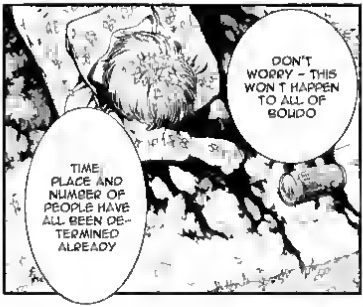
COME ON, WE NEED HELP!
CALL AN AM-BULA—
THAT WON'T BE NECESS-ARY

WHAT WAS THAT?!
...

WHAT ARE YOU—

NII-SAN?!
LIKELY IT HAS JUST BEGUN

THIS IS...
"DI[E]CE"
...IS ITS NAME


DON'T WORRY - THIS WON'T HAPPEN TO ALL OF BOUDO
TIME, PLACE AND NUMBER OF PEOPLE HAVE ALL BEEN DE-TERMINED ALREADY

"DI[E]CE"?
YES, A NEW GAME THAT "THEY" MADE

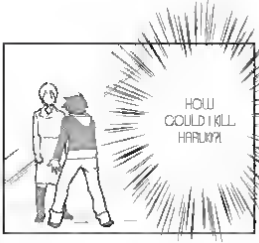
WHAT ABOUT THE PEOPLE?! AND THE TREES?!
"DON'T WORRY"?!
THIS TIME IT IS JUST THIS SECTOR

YOU JUST DON'T GET IT, NII-SAN!
DON'T LOSE YOUR NERVE!
IT MIGHT LAST FOR A BIT, BUT THEN IT WILL ALL BE JUST LIKE BEFORE!
THEY WERE ALL ELIMINATED BEFORE ANY ONE COULD NOTICE ANYTHING
BUT THE RULES WON'T BE AS LENIENT NEXT TIME
—NGH!
THE TRUTH IS, NOTHING WILL EVER BE LIKE IT WAS BEFORE
NOTHING LIKE A RESET
SHOULD EVER BE GIVEN

..."SARYUU"?
SARYUU...
I DON'T WANT ANY-ONE ELSE TO DIE!

...A DI[E]CE FROM THE PAST?!
THIS IS...
I WANT TO STOP MY BROTHER, BUT—
—I CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO KILL HIM

HE IS.


HOW COULD I KILL HARUKI?

HE IS JUST LIKE ME!
I ONLY HAVE ONE BROTHER.
AND IN ANY CASE, I DON'T WANT TO LOSE HIM

THAT'S WHY...
...DON'T WANT TO LOSE HARUKI OR ANYONE ELSE!
I TOO

...WE WILL
END DI[E]CE!

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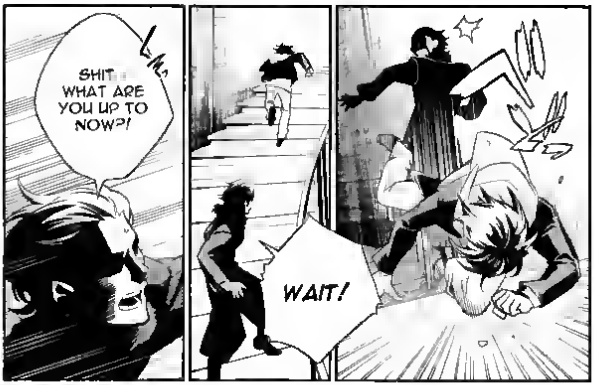
SHIT WHAT ARE YOU UP TO NOW?!
WAIT!

AH...
WHAT'S WRONG?
KANADE?
THIS CAN'T BE TRUE..
IT WAS A DEFECT THE ENTIRE TIME
"HE" HAS...

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BECOME "COMPLETE"!
THROUGH NARUSE KAZUKI...
HE IS...
SHIRA-KAWA!
WAIT!
WHAT DO YOU WANT IN THERE?

YES, WE DID...
...DID YOU RESCUE ME?
YOU HAVE ALSO BEEN PROMOTED
IT WASN'T PLANNED, BUT..
...
I WANT TO KNOW WHERE KAZUKI IS NOW!
I DON'T HAVE TIME TO FIGHT WITH YOU!

...
IF
IF YOU...
PROTECT
KAZUKI
...THEN
WHAT WILL
YOU DO?

ARE
READY TO
HELP US

...
IS JUST
TO STOP
DI[E]CE
KANADE!
IT'S
AL-
RIGHT
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MISSION

BUT ONLY
TELL YOU WHERE NARUSE KAZUKI IS
I WILL

UNDER ONE CONDITION...

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